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Previous references.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 10

Part B for February 1901

SUBJECT.

Alleged irregularity in connection with the payment of the pension of Rs 6/- due to pensioner Mohammed Omer.

(Indexed)

Mirza Nazeer Hussain

W D 1351—GPB—20,000—13-12-13

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Requisition for papers

Section Collection

A Containing G.O.

No 6480-9 FC651

B dt 23.2.1901

Filed

Deposit No. S.A. SR 47-1950-2

File No.

Serial No.

To be put up Diary No. 2426 of 1934

Signature M.M. Nath

Branch FC

Section S&A

Date 30/11/34.

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P&A 599

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10.10.900 1900 Pol: 594.

from here, are desirable before prosecution is ordered or other action taken.

Sd/- H. Erskine
11-10-00

From The First Asstt Resident in Mysore.

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 10th October 1900.

Despatched

Received

Section S. A. General No. 5044

File No. 18-32 No. 483-900.

Serial No. 1 Enclosure No. 1 file.

and for a very early report thereon for the Govt final action in the case.

Forwd: a copy of a letter No. 3567 dd 5/9/00 together with the file, from the Controller of Military Accts, Madras Command, on the subject of an irregularity which has occurred in connection with the pension of Rs 4/- due for January 1900 to pensioner Mahomed Omer, of the 8th Regiment N.I, and enquiring (a) whether it is proposed to prosecute the pension Clerk and (b) what action the Durbar propose to take regarding the Treasury Officer.

References to be marked.

Submitted for orders to Secy
11/10/00

In my humble opinion a thorough and departmental enquiry by the Dy Comr, and a full report thereon

2 (1)

No. 5044
483-900

From

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE.

To

The Officiating Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 29 Sept 1900.

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter No.3567 dated the 5th September 1900 from the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, together with its enclosures as shown in the appended list, on the subject of an irregularity which has occurred in connection with the pension of Rs.4/- due for January 1900 to pensioner No.74,259 Mahomed Oomer, late of the 8th Regiment M.I.

to be returned.

2. It seems prima facie to be probable that the Pension Clerk did not pay the Rs.4/- due as pension for January, and that when it was claimed by the pensioner he tried to make the paper of the pension ticket appear as if an entry of payment had been made by him and fraudulently erased by the pensioner. In the second place, the Treasury Officer at Mysore appears to have admitted that he was guilty of all the irregularities detailed in letter No.3146 dated the 4th August 1900 from the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments, Fort St: George.

3.

3. In these circumstances, the Resident would be glad to know

(a) whether it is proposed to prosecute the pension clerk, and (b) what action the Durbar propose to take regarding the Treasury Officer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for First Assistant Resident.

V.S.

Copd.
C.K.

(1a)

Copy of letter No.3567 dated the 5th September 1900 from the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command to the Resident in Mysore.

(a) Return requested.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying correspondence received with letter No.3146 dated 4th August 1900 from the Superintendent of Pensions, Madras, on the subject of an irregularity which has occurred in connection with the pension Rs.4 due for January 1900 to Pensioner No.74259 Private Mahomed Oomer late of the 8th Regiment M.I. I request that if the views expressed by the Superintendent of Pensions are concurred in, the pension office clerk concerned may be suitably dealt with and the apparent laxity on the part of the Treasury Officer in charge of Pensioners at Mysore complained of by the Superintendent of Pensions in his letter No.3146 dated 4th August 1900 noticed in such way as you may consider necessary.

2. I have sanctioned as a special case the payment of Rs.4/- to the pensioner.

"Copy"

Registrar.

Copd.
C.K.

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(2)

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore Dt.

Dated 16/10/00

No. 3197/66 ~~R 1038~~ H 308

Section S A
File No 47 00
No. 2

Has the honour to forward a copy of letter no. 5044/483-900 dt. the 29th Sept. 1900 from the First Asst to the Resident in Mysore, together with its enclosures in original, on the subject of an irregularity alleged to have occurred in connection with the pension of Rs 4 due for Jany 1900 to pensioner no. 74, 2nd Mahomed Bomer, late of the 8th Regiment N. I.

& to be returned

2. The circumstances alleged ~~to have taken place~~ are of a such a nature as to demand official ~~the~~ ~~grave character. It will be~~ ~~necessary~~ in order to enable Govt to decide on the steps ~~to be~~ taken, it is necessary that a

through and searching departmental enquiry ~~into the facts~~ ~~should be held by the Collector~~, who is therefore requested to conduct the enquiry forthwith as speedily as possible and submit the result thereof to Govt. without the unnecessary delay that would be caused by the submission of such report through the Revenue Board

and a ~~full report~~ submitted by him of the facts elicited thereby. The explanations of the various Revenue Officers concerned should also be obtained.

3. ~~The~~ A very early report is requested to finally dispose of the matter in the case.

Secy.

To The First Assistant
Resident in Aden.

Dy 16.10.00 ✓
No. 3198 ~~R 1039~~ R 309

S. A.
48-00
No. 3

Adverting to your letter
no. 5044 / 483-00 of the 29th Sept 00
1900 (recd on 10th inst),
I am directed to state that
~~the Doctor has asked~~
the Doctor, Aden, has
been asked to institute a thorough and
searching enquiry into the
facts connected with the
alleged irregularity in connection
with the pension of Rs 4 per to
pensioner Mahamed Omer,
and that, ~~the~~ on the receipt of
the Doctor's report, the
Doctor will decide on the
action to be taken.

2. A copy of the correspondence

Dear Mr. Dykstra: is
enclosed for information

I have also

Yours truly,

12/10/10

12/10

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
4863
2-11-1900

Pol. 747

From The F. A. Resident
S. A. in Mysore
2-11-00

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GEN. & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 1.11.00
Despatched
Received NOV 2 1900
General No. 5662
No.

DEPARTMENT
No. 3145
DEWAN'S OFFICE

Enclosure No.

Asking for the return of certain papers connected with the alleged irregularity in connection with the pension of Rs 4/- due to pensioner Mahomed Omer

References to be marked.

Ref

Submitted.

The papers which were forwarded by the Dy Commr, have not been returned. We may get them back with his report still due.

SS
3/11/00.

Frank
2-3/11/00

Reminder on 30/11/00

Ref
Refer to the
Dy Commr
H.S. 3/11/00.

2/11/00

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No. 6662 1/11/00

(4)

FROM

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT

S.A. IN MYSORE.

48-00

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To

The Officiating Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 1st Nov 1900.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your office letter No.3198/Fl.309 dated the 16th ultimo, stating that the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District has been asked to institute an enquiry into the facts connected with the alleged irregularity in connection with the pension of Rs.4/- due to pensioner Mahomed Oomer.

2. I am to ask you to be so good as to return the papers forwarded with my letter No.5044 dated the 29th September 1900 when they can be spared, the Comtroller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, having called for them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
(G.O.) No. 4042
1900. O O
R. 2536

FROM
The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of
Mysore.

Dated 11th General and Rev. Depts.

Despatched 13 December 1900.

Received

General No. 554
No.

Enclosure No. 2 files.

Reporting on the inquiry made in the matter of an alleged irregularity in connection with the pension of Rs. 4 due for January 1900 to pensioner Mahomed Yamen, late of the 8th Regiment Madras Infantry.

15/12

Referred to.
15/12/00.
Draft Letter

No. 554
Encl 2 pls.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.
Dated Mysore 11th December 1900.
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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts.

Sir,

With reference to your docketed No. 3197 Fe 308 of the 16th October 1900, directing a departmental inquiry to be held in the matter of an alleged irregularity in connection with the pension of Rs. 4 due for January 1900 to pensioner Mahomed Omer (No. 74 259) late of the 8th Regiment, Madras Infantry, I have the honor to report as follows:-

2. In his letter No. 3146 of the 4th instant 1900 to the address of the Comptroller, Military Accounts, Madras Command, the Superintendent of Pensions states that in his opinion the said Mahomed Omer was not paid his pension, viz: Rs. 4, for January 1900,

and

but that the amount was misappropriated by the Pension Clerk, and, in support of his opinion, relies on the statement made by Mahomed Bomen, and on the absence of any entry against "January" in the Pension Ticket.

3. Mahomed Bomen stated that he appeared at the Mysore Pension Office twice in February i.e. on the 7th and the 18th and that on both occasions he was told by the Pension Clerk with a squint eye (i.e. Narasinga Row) that he could not be paid (his pension) before the receipt of his Pension Certificate, but this statement is partly falsified by the report of Mr. Nathan, Assistant Commissioner, the then Treasury Officer according to whom the said Pension Clerk was absent on leave from the 2nd to 11th February, and also by the Office attendance register herewith submitted.

4. As to the absence of any entry against January in the Pension Ticket, it will be observed that the erasure of the entry against

January is no doubt not visible to the naked eye, but a magnifying glass renders the erasure visible. On this point, I beg to invite attention to para 8 of Mr. Mathan's report which fully convinces me that there was a genuine entry against January and that it has been since erased.

5. There is besides the positive sworn testimony of Venkatramiya, Acting Treasury Accountant, in proof of the payment of Rs. 4 to Mahomed Cassim on the 7th of February.

6. The Superintendent of Pensions assumes that payments to pensioners are made by the Clerk and behind the back of the Treasury Officer, but Mr. Mathan's report coupled with the evidence of Gollan Venkatagiri shows beyond all doubt that the Clerk does not handle the money at all, but simply reads out the entry on the ticket and that the Gollan actually pays the pensioners in the presence of the Treasury Officer. This falsifies the pensioner's statement that in April he was paid Rs. 8 by the Clerk in the Verandah.

7. As explained by Mr. Mathan, Accountant Venkatramiya who helped in the disbursement of pensions on the 7th. February appears to have made a mistake in presuming that Clerk Narasimja Row who was absent on leave must have got the Pensioners certificate, and in allowing the payment to be made on the authority of the passport which is on the file. When, however, on the return of Narasimja Row from leave of absence, it was discovered that the certificate had not been received, the Officer in charge of Pensioners at Mercara was at once requested to send the certificate at an early date. See Treasury Officer's docket No. 230, dated 14th. February 1900 (also on the file). This is some evidence that the pension had been paid before the 14th. February there was otherwise no reason why the Treasury Officer should have been solicitous about getting the certificate at an early date. The wording of this docket is significant. It does not say that the pensioner had applied

for payment, but was refused as it would have been the case if payment had not been made on the ground of the non receipt of the certificate.

8. These circumstances, I submit, lead me to the conclusion that the pensioner was duly paid his pension for January 1900, but that the entry in the ticket against January has been since very cleverly erased taking advantage of the mistake of payment before the receipt of the Pension certificate.

9. Now as to the irregularities set out in letter No. 2282 of the 26th June 1900 from the Superintendent of Pensions.

The 1st irregularity complained of is the payment of pension before the receipt of the pension certificate from Meerut. How this mistake arose has already been explained above in para 7.

The 2nd irregularity complained of is that no daily cash account is kept as required by Circular No. 11 dated 8th December 1892, but on a reference made in 1893, the Superintendent of Pensions said that the Circular in question did not apply to

Civil

Civil Officers in charge of Pensioners and there was therefore no necessity to maintain the register of cash accounts. See copy of his docket No. 301 dated 27th February 1893 herewith submitted.

The 3rd. irregularity is the payment of pension in April i.e. after the expiration of the leave that has been granted to the pensioner. This was no doubt a mistake which I very much regret, but no injury has been sustained thereby.

The other irregularities relate to the posting of a docket dated 14th. February to the Officer in charge of Pensioners at Mercara. It is alleged and borne out by the Office records that the docket was posted on the 14th. and I confess I am unable to say why it was not delivered to the addressee till the 19th. Idem.

10. The Proceedings of the departmental inquiry (as per accompanying list) are herewith submitted.

11. The enclosures of your docket are returned.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedient servant

Enclosures -

Dy. Commissioner of Coorg

No. 4979 & 22/12/00
H 493
1900 Secret Files

Very Urgent

Secret
File No.
Despatch No. 6

(6)

To Major Pratt
Chief Police
Officer
Mysore

Quarter Master
Sergeant
Corps

The First Assistant to the Honorable the Resident in Mysore.

Dated 22d December 1900

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter, No. 5662, dated 1st November last, regarding an alleged irregularity in connection with the pension of Rs 4 due for January 1900, to Pensioner Mahomed Omer, late of the 8th Regiment, M. I., I am directed to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, by whom a Departmental enquiry was held, now reports that, upon the evidence

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See Mins
at Mins

22/12/00

Attended to.
22/12/00 5.15 P.M.

taken, he has come to the conclusion that the pensioner Mahomed Omar was duly paid his pension for January 1900; that the absence of any entry against January 1900 in the pension ticket, from which the Superintendent of Pensions concludes that the pensioner was not paid his pension, is to be accounted for by the circumstance that the entry has since been erased under circumstances which raise a suspicion against the pensioner himself —

The Durban, however find on a perusal of the entire proceedings, that the initial error which led to the present incident was committed by the Mysore Treasury Officer (Mr Mathan)

in having paid the sum of Rs 4, being pension due to Nama-komed Dones for January 1900, before the receipt of the Pension certificate from Mercara. This payment being opposed to the standing orders and being denied by the Pensioner the Durbar deem it proper to direct that the said amount be made good by Mr Mathan - In the interests of public justice however the Durbar consider it desirable that the matter should form the subject of a judicial enquiry in a Criminal Court of competent jurisdiction, and Mr Mathan will if you concur on this point, be instructed to lay a formal complaint against the Pensioner -

A copy of the

Deputy Commissioner's report No. 554 dated 11th instant on the subject, with the proceedings of the enquiry and the enclosures of your letter No. 5[illegible]44 dated the 29th Sept. 1900, are herewith ~~to~~ transmitted ~~herein~~.

@ the original to be obligingly returned.

I have &c

22/12/00

Offg Secretary.

S.A. 1. 8[illegible]

1594

Memo No. 4920 / 4494

Copy forwarded to the Collector, Nellore with reference to his letter No. [illegible] for information & communication to Mr. Nathan who should be asked to remit to this Office the sum of Rs 4/- to be sent to the Madras authorities as the amount has been advanced under the orders of Comptr of Military Accounts.

"By Order"

Sd. L. Annamalaimudaliar
Offg. Secy.

Note for Secy

After the recess — today — I send a draft for your signature & cover to Mr Nathan asking him to remit the sum of Rs 4 to be paid to the Madras authorities as the amount has been advanced under the orders of Comptr of Military Accts.

22/12/00

Stock 1-50 PM

27/12/1900

To Fuel Branch

22/12/00

(6a)

List ⊗ of the proceedings of the Departmental enquiry held in the matter of an alleged irregularity in connection with the pension of Rs. 4. due for January 1900 to pensioner Mahomed Omer (No. 74,259) late of the 8th Regiment Madras Infantry.

⊗ Forwarded to the Residency with letter No. 4919/71:493 dated 22/12/00.

1. Statement of C. Venkataramiah, Military Pension clerk, Mysore District Treasury, on other duty as acting accountant, Mysore District Treasury.

2. Statement of Venkatagiri Gollar, Mysore District Treasury

3. Statement of K.V. Puttanna, Head Accountant of the Mysore District Treasury.

4. Statement of Narasinga Row, Acting Military Pension Clerk, Mysore District Treasury.

5. Attendance Book of the Mysore District Treasury

6. Muster Roll of Pensioners.

7. Docket No. 301 dated 27.2.1893 from the Superintendent of Pensions to the Officer in charge of Pensions, Mysore.

8-14. Payee's receipt for the month of February on account of allowances for paying pensioners for the month of January 1900.

15. Mr. Assistant Commissioner K. Mathan's letter No. A, dated 22.11.1900.

(sd) C. Madiah,

Dy. Commissioner of Mysore.

Mysore
11th December
1900

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List of enclosures, received from, and returned to the Residency -

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1. Passport, dated Mercara 29th. January 1900.
2. Copy of letter No. 220 dated 13th. February 1900 from the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mercara.
3. Docket No. 220 dated 14th. February 1900 from the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mysore, to the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mercara.
4. Docket No. 9 dated 2nd. May 1900 from the officer in charge of pensioners, Mercara, to ----------do ------Mysore.
5. Letter No. 92 dated 5th. May 1900 from the officer in charge of Pensioners, Mysore, to the Superintendent of pensions, Madras.
6. Letter 1902 dated 25th. May 1900 from the officer in charge of Pensioners, Marcara, to the Superintendent of pensions, Fort St. George.
6./a. Statement given by Mahomed Oomer, Pensioned Private No. 74259.
7. Memorandum No. 1769 dated 1st June 1900 from the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments.
8. Letter No. 574 dated 19th June 1900 from the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mysore, to the Superintendent of Pensions, Madras.
8/a. Rough Calculations.
9. Letter No. 2282 dated 26th June 1900 from the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments, to the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mysore District.
10. Letter No. 56 dated 20th June 1900 from the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Bangalore District, to the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort St. George.
10. Letter No. 58 dated 7th July 1900 from the Officer in charge of ~~Pens~~ Pensioners, Mysore, to the Superintendent of ~~Pensions~~ Pensions, Madras.
12. Letter No. P/607 dated 3rd July 1900 from the Pay Examiner, Madras, to the Superintendent of Pensions, Fort St. George.
13. Letter No. 27 dated 23rd July 1900 from the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mercara, to the Superintendent of Pensions, Madras.

13/a. Statement of Pensioned Private Mahomed Oomer No. 74259.
14. Letter No. 28 dated 24th July 1900 from the Officer in charge of Pensioners, Mercara, to the Superintendent of Pensions, ~~Madras~~. Fort St. George, Madras.
15. Letter No. 2146 dated 4th August 1900 from the Superintendent of Pensions and Family Payments, to the Comptroller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, with a statement attached marked A.
One Pension Certificate dated 31st July 1891.
One Pension Ticket of Private Mahomed Oomer, No 74259.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
G. No. 545
FEB 15 1901
No. 914 190
SECRETARIAT

From

H. Statham Esqr.
Asstt. Commr. Excise
Dept. Bangalore.

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GEN & REV. DEPTS.

Dated 14/2/01

Despatched

Received

General No. A.
No.

S. A.
48-01
8

Enclosure No.

Remitting Rs four (4/-) being the ~~excess~~ amount of excess paid by the Madras Military authorities to pensioner Mahomed Omar at the Mysore District Treasury. +

References to be marked.

Draft subd
KK

Rs (41) from
Secy to
15/2/01

No. A

File No
Serial No 8

15/2/01

11/5/01

x Amt Rs
Rec: Rh
in Cuddapah
Collr first
Appt & the
Accountant with
letter no 6569
dt 25/2/01
Rs
26/2/01

From

K. Matthan Esq.
Assistant Commr, Excise Dept.
Bangalore

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Department

Sir,

As desired by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District in his No. 1294 dated 26th Dec. 1900, communicating to me copy of your letter no 4919 dated 22nd Dec. 1900 to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, I have the honor to remit herewith Rs four (41-) being the amount of arrears paid by the Madras Military authorities to pensioner Mahamad Omar at the Mysore District Treasury

2. An acknowledgment is requested

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

Bangalore
14th February 1901

K Matthan
Asst. Commr

Draft for appl

2b

S. A.

No ~~6 8 00~~

To.

The First Assistant to
the Hon'ble the Resident in
Mysore.

Dated 25/2/01.

No 65-19 En Rs 4.
H: 656.

In continuation
of my letter No 4919
H 493
dated 22nd December 1900,
regarding ~~the~~ the alleged irregu-
-larity in connection
with the pension of
Rs 4 due for January
1900 to Pensioner Mahomed
Ooner, late of the 8th Regt
M. I., I am directed
to remit herewith the
sum (recovered from Mr Mathan)
of Rs 4/- for favor
of the same being sent
to the Superintendent
of Pensions, Madras,
as the amount in
question

question has been advanced to the pensioner under the orders of the Comptroller of Military Accounts as intimated in your letter No. 5044 / 483-900 dated 29th September 1900.

I have etc.

22/2/01

22/2/01 Secretary

Memo

Copy of the above is forwarded to Mr K. Mathan, Asstt. Commr Excise Deptt. with reference to his letter No. A dated 14th February 1901.

By order

23/2/01

Secretary.

6520 / H: 657 — 25/2/01.